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PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE MEDIUM-TERM PLAN
FOR THE PERIOD 1992-1997*MAJOR PROGRAMME IV. INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION FOR
DEVELOPMENTProgramme 12. Global development issues and policies

1. The preparation, format and content of the medium-term plan and its revisions are governed by the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (ST/SGB/PPBME Rules/1(1987)).
2. Regulation 3.11 provides, inter alia, that the medium-term plan shall be revised as necessary every two years to incorporate required programme changes and that the proposed revisions shall be as detailed as required to incorporate the programme implications of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the intergovernmental organs or international conferences since the adoption of the plan.
3. The revisions proposed below modify the relevant parts of the narrative of programme 12, Global development issues and policies, of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, which was adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 45/253 of 21 December 1990 and issued in document A/45/6/Rev.1. They update the narrative on the basis of General Assembly and Economic and Social Council mandates adopted after the medium-term plan was adopted by the Assembly in 1990 and also reflect changes resulting from decisions adopted by the United Nations Conference on Environment and

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Development and from the current restructuring of the Secretariat. In order to reflect the division of responsibilities within the new Department of Economic and Social Development, it is proposed to transfer subprogramme 4, Mobilization of financial resources, taxation and entrepreneurship, from this programme to programme 21, Public administration and finance. The corresponding adjustment is reflected in the narratives of both programmes. Owing to the biennial calendar of meetings of the Committee for Development Planning, those revisions were not reviewed by the Committee.

4. The following text modifies paragraphs 12.1 to 12.4, 12.6, 12.8, 12.17, 12.19, 12.21, 12.23, 12.24, 12.26, 12.29, 12.31, 12.41, 12.42, 12.54, 12.56 to 12.61, 12.64, 12.65, 12.67, 12.71, 12.72, 12.74, 12.78, 12.79 and 12.81 of A/45/6/Rev.1.

A. Programme

- Paragraph 12.1 At the end of the first sentence, add ", 45/264 of 13 May 1991 and 46/235 of 13 April 1992".
- Paragraph 12.2 In the second sentence, delete "and social".
- Paragraph 12.3 Replace paragraph 12.3 with the following: "The Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, adopted at the eighteenth special session of the General Assembly, and the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, adopted at the forty-fifth session of the Assembly, provide an overall framework for United Nations activities in the economic and social fields and serve as principal policy directives for the general orientation of the programme. In addition, major conferences, such as the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (1990), the eighth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (1992) and the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (1992) have provided more specific development-oriented guidelines. Similar directives are expected from the 1994 international conference on population and development, which will be incorporated in the programme as appropriate".
- Paragraph 12.4 In the first sentence, after "in the 1980s" insert "and in the early 1990s".
- Paragraph 12.6 In the first sentence, delete "next" before "decade".
- Paragraph 12.8 Replace paragraph 12.8 with the following: "Political and economic changes of historical scope are occurring in countries that are undertaking a transition from central planning to a market economy and are seeking greater integration in the rest of the world economy. In the

1990s, this transitional process will involve further alteration of the political, economic and social systems of these countries and will have significant implications for other countries and for global economic and political developments at large. The complexity of the transitional problems and the growing economic interdependence underscore the importance of international cooperation in addressing the internal and external imbalances accumulated over decades."

Paragraph 12.17

Replace paragraph 12.17 with the following: "This programme is implemented by the Department of Economic and Social Development. As a result of the recent restructuring of the Secretariat initiated by the Secretary-General and approved by General Assembly resolution 46/232, the Department combines the capacities under the programme for both development policy research and analysis and technical cooperation for development."

Paragraph 12.19

In the first sentence, delete "Subprogramme 4. Mobilization of financial resources, taxation and entrepreneurship" and renumber subsequent subprogrammes accordingly. Replace the last two sentences with the following: "Subprogrammes 1 to 10 will be the responsibility of the Department of Economic and Social Development."

B. Subprogrammes

SUBPROGRAMME 1. MONITORING AND ASSESSMENT OF CURRENT GLOBAL ECONOMIC ISSUES AND POLICIES

Paragraph 12.21

Delete reference to General Assembly resolutions 39/174, 39/226 and 40/173 and add resolutions 44/232, 45/188, 45/192, 45/194, 45/199, 46/144, 46/154, 46/155, 46/202, and 46/205, and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1989/106, 1990/56, 1990/68 and 1991/96, and decision 1990/265.

Paragraph 12.23

Replace the second sentence with the following: "Among the major changes in the 1990s are regional integration among developed market economies and a radical transformation of economic structure and policies in Eastern Europe and in the republics of the former Soviet Union. The problems of this region are turning out to be far more complex and their solution of a far longer-term nature than originally envisaged. A careful and continuing examination of the evolving situation of these countries and promotion of international cooperation to resolve the issues facing them will be needed in the 1990s and probably beyond."

New paragraph 12.24 Add a new paragraph 12.24 after the existing paragraph 12.23 to read as follows and renumber subsequent paragraphs accordingly:

"12.24 Large and rapid changes are also taking place in the international trade system. These include the emergence of trading blocs that are being seen both as a challenge to the multilateral trading system and as an opportunity for trade liberalization."

Paragraph 12.26 At the end of the sentence, add "and of the Declaration
(new para. 12.27) adopted at the eighteenth special session of the General Assembly."

SUBPROGRAMME 2. PROBLEMS AND PROSPECTS OF INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT

Paragraph 12.29 Delete reference to General Assembly resolution 40/182
(new para. 12.30) and add resolutions 45/87, 45/191, 45/192, 45/199, 45/213, 46/95, 46/141 and 46/143, and Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/4.

Paragraph 12.31 Replace paragraph 12.31 with the following:
(new para. 12.32)

"12.32 Human resource development has become a major policy thrust, both in developing and developed economies. Human resource development simultaneously raises the quality of life and contributes to labour productivity. Human resource development is a process in which activities in social sectors support one another and would fail without such mutual support. Population policies, health, housing and education, especially of women, all stand or fall together. It is essential to examine the experience in the implementation of policies for human resource development in the light of needs in developing countries."

SUBPROGRAMME 3. EXTERNAL DEBT AND DEVELOPMENT

Paragraph 12.41 Add a reference to General Assembly resolutions 45/214
(new para. 12.42) and 46/148.

Paragraph 12.42 In the first sentence, replace "continue into the 1990s"
(new para. 12.43) with "remain a major issue for years to come, even though some hopeful signs of a durable solution have emerged recently in some countries".

Replace the two last sentences with the following:
"Adverse external situations, such as falling commodity prices and high real interest rates, have compounded the problem. External indebtedness remains an obstacle to development in many countries."

SUBPROGRAMME 4. MOBILIZATION OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES, TAXATION AND
ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Delete the subprogramme in its entirety and renumber the
subsequent subprogrammes and paragraphs accordingly.

SUBPROGRAMME 4. DEVELOPMENT PERSPECTIVES AND EARLY IDENTIFICATION OF EMERGING
ISSUES

Paragraph 12.54 Add a reference to General Assembly resolutions 45/199
(new para. 12.48) and 46/146, and Economic and Social Council resolution
1990/52.

Paragraph 12.56 In line 7, before "perspectives" insert "of socio-economic
(new para. 12.50) and environmental".

Paragraph 12.57 In the last sentence, replace "projections" with "LINK
(new para. 12.51) model".

Paragraph 12.58 Replace paragraph 12.58 with the following:
(new para. 12.52)

"12.52 With regard to policy modelling of environmental
and resource issues, the global input-output model (GIOM
or the "Leontief model") will be updated to include better
indicators of pollution abatement and energy efficient
technologies that will facilitate system-wide analyses of
alternative growth paths of the world economy beyond the
year 2000."

Paragraph 12.59 In the second sentence delete "existing" and "being
(new para. 12.53) prepared by the Statistical Office and the Population
Division", and replace "Department of International
Economic and Social Affairs" with "Department of Economic
and Social Development".

Paragraph 12.60 Replace paragraph 12.60 with the following:
(new para. 12.54)

"12.54 During the period of the plan, efforts will be
made to improve access to data and modelling systems
through local area networks and on-line mainframe computer
facilities for other parts of the United Nations system
and Member States and to ensure ready access for the staff
of the Department to other parts of the United Nations
system."

SUBPROGRAMME 5. DEVELOPMENT AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Paragraph 12.61 Add a reference to General Assembly resolutions 45/199
(new para. 12.55) and 45/210, and the Rio Declaration and Agenda 21, adopted
by the United Nations Conference on Environment and
Development.

Paragraph 12.64
(new para. 12.58)

Replace the first sentence with the following: "The Secretariat will undertake two principal types of activity, subject to modifications that may result from decisions of the General Assembly on follow-up action relating to the outcome of the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development."

In the last sentence, replace "its social implications" with "development".

Paragraph 12.65
(new para. 12.59)

In the last sentence, replace "Department of International Economic and Social Affairs" with "Department for Economic and Social Development".

New paragraph 12.60

Insert a new paragraph after paragraph 12.65 (new paragraph 12.59) as follows and renumber remaining paragraphs accordingly:

"12.60 A new issue that has been assuming increasing importance in recent years is the relationship between environment and international trade. As world trade continues to grow and trade relationships become more complex, this issue will increase in significance on the international agenda. Drawing upon contributions from UNCTAD and GATT, the Department of Economic and Social Development will study socio-economic aspects of the relationship between environment and international trade and will monitor relevant developments and actions at national and international levels, in the context of the Department's analytical work on global issues, especially the preparation of the World Economic Survey, and review and appraisal of the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the 1990s and the Declaration of the eighteenth special session of the General Assembly."

SUBPROGRAMME 6. SYSTEM-WIDE ANALYSIS OF SPECIFIC AREAS WITHIN THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROGRAMMES

Paragraph 12.67
(new para. 12.62)

Add a reference to General Assembly resolutions 45/187, 45/189, 45/264, 46/157, 46/158, 46/203 and 46/235, and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1990/86, 1990/88, 1991/65, 1991/66.

Paragraph 12.71
(new para. 12.66)

In the first sentence, replace "Under the overall coordination of the Office of the Director-General for International Economic Cooperation, the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs" with "The Department".

SUBPROGRAMME 7. INTER-ORGANIZATIONAL COOPERATION

Paragraph 12.72
(new para. 12.67)

Add a reference to General Assembly resolution 45/264 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/85.

Paragraph 12.74 In the fifth sentence, replace "the Department of
(new para. 12.69) International Economic and Social Affairs" with "the
Department of Economic and Social Development".

SUBPROGRAMME 8. INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AND POLICIES

Paragraph 12.78 Add a reference to General Assembly resolutions 44/199,
(new para. 12.73) 45/202, 45/206, 46/156 and 46/219.

Paragraph 12.79 In the last sentence, after "caused" insert "by
(new para. 12.74) entrenched structural weaknesses".

Paragraph 12.81 Replace the last sentence with the following: "These
(new para. 12.76) activities will continue to be carried out in cooperation
with other United Nations agencies, including the
assistance given to the World Food Programme in
appraising government requests for food aid."
